

Hyde County Board of Commissioners
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

Meeting Date: **June 1, 2015**
Attachments: **Yes**

ITEM TITLE: **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Department Reports

- 1) Tax Department (requires signature)
- 2) Mattamuskeet Senior Center
- 3) Human Resources
- 4) Social Services
- 5) Health Department

Informational Items

- 1) Perquimans County – A Resolution Requesting that the North Carolina State Legislature Develop a Jobs Incentive Program Geared Toward Tier I Counties
- 2) Moore County – Resolution Requesting the North Carolina General Assembly to Change the Requisite Funding Formula to Increase the Number of Allotted Classroom Teachers' Positions by Applying the Formula to Individual Schools and Grades Rather Than Districtwide and Fund These Positions by the Current Budgeted Amount
- 3) Town of Sunset Beach – Resolution For the Establishment of a National Task Force to Globally Address Coastal Issues
- 4) Letter from Dr. Patricia Mitchell, CECd, Rural Economic Development Division – FY14/15 Building Reuse Program Award Notification
- 5) Invitation – Tyrrell County EMS Station
- 6) Letter to Dr. Louis Daniel, NC MFC – Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan
- 7) Town of Columbia - Resolution Supporting the NC Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center
- 8) Letter - Conversion of Existing Septic Waste Water Systems from Eddie Goodrich, WWP

Department Reports

MATTAMUSKEET SENIOR CENTER

Manager's Monthly Report

April, 2015

Participants on Meals-On-Wheels	Swan Quarter	Fairfield	Engelhard	Mattamuskeet Village	Total
	4	6	6	3	19
Total Meals-on-Wheels Served	395				
Congregate Meals Served	201				
Participants served for Congregate	19				
Attendance to center for activities, (crafts, exercise, meals, meetings, etc.)	314				

Attendance does not include:

Dance Class every Monday; Girl Scouts every Tuesday. Cub Scouts Thursdays, Various Meeting, etc

Human Resources Dept. Report – May 2015

- Verified information for vacation/sick leave for employees
- Completed monthly payroll
- Completed and processed monthly vouchers to pay employees' insurances, tax garnishments, child support payments, retirement, etc.
- Daily Tasks - Assisted employees as necessary concerning hours worked, salary, insurance, benefits, retirement, deposit changes, etc.
- Generated two new FMLA Claims
- Enrolled two new full-time employees & one part-time employee
- Coordinated BC/BS open enrollment meetings for eligible employees
- Coordinated drug testing for employees on the mainland
- Completed the Public Employment & Payroll Survey (E-4)
- Attended the School of Government's Update Law Class in Chapel Hill
- Attended the webinar on Final Affordable Care Act Reporting Forms
- Gathered information and filed the annual Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) report

Respectively submitted,

Tammy Blake

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of April 2015

	Active Cases	Applications Taken	Reviews/Redetermination	Other Changes
Income Maintenance Programs				
Medicaid	965	11	107	
Long Term Care MAA & MAD	40			
Food Stamps	558	25	94	74
Work First	11	0	0	
Total				
Medicaid Transportation Program	Transported	Gas	Vouchers	Active Cases
Medicaid	35	91	0	285
Dialysis	0	0	0	0
Title III	4	19	1	49
Total	39	110	1	334
Child Protected Services	Reports	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	Referred to Sheriff dept
	4	0		0
				On going
				4
Adult Services (Ongoing)	Active CAP Cases	At Risk/SA In Home		
	14	7		
Crisis Intervention	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied	
	0	0		
Medication Assistance	Applications Taken	Approved	Denied	
	2	2		
Daycare Services	Mainland	Ocracoke	out of county	
Cases	1	7		3
Children	1	7		2

Reviews/Redetermination processed monthly
Cap cases have daily, weekly and monthly contacts
Reviews done every six months

Hyde County DSS Programs
Month of April 2015

	Requested	Approved	Denied		
Fishing License	47	47			
Christmas Cheer					
LIEAP					

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Hyde County Health Department and Hydeland Home Health
Monthly Summary Report – April, 2015
Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Clinical Services:

<u>Program Services Provided</u>	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Family Planning Clients	14	140
Maternal Health Clients	5	55
Adult Health Clients (Wellness)	3	42
Adult Health/Telemedicine/Primary Care	17	92
BCCCP Clients (Includes Vidant Grant)	7	40
Immunizations	7	92
Seasonal Flu Shots/Flu Mists		
• Adults	0	156
• Children	0	55
STD Treatments	3	41
Communicable Disease Cases/Investigations*	0	19
Child Health (Wellness)	6	6
TB Treatments (Latent) & Skin Tests	2	57
Rabies Treatments/Investigations**	1	2
Dental Varnishing	0	2
Lab Services	2	80
WIC – Mainland	29	
• Certifications		133
• Mid-Certification Assessments		60
• Pick-ups		175
• Vendor Trainings	0	1
WIC – Ocracoke (Quarterly)		
• Certifications		22
• Mid-Certification Assessments		5
• Pick-ups		42
• Vendor Trainings		0
Pregnancy Care Management (provider out on maternity leave)		
• Case Load		8
• Contacts		4
• Attempts (No Contact)		1
Care Coordination for Children (provider out on maternity leave)		
• Case Load		2
• Contacts		3
• Attempts (No Contact)		0
Family Connects (provider out on maternity leave)		
• Home visit		0
• Follow Up phone calls		0

** Dog bite on Ocracoke, animal not stray, but not identified, victim received tx at home (visitor)

Medication Assistance Program:

New Patients Enrolled	1	7
Patients Served	17	166
New Requests	2	27
Reorder Requests	16	129
Medications Requested	18	155
Medications Received	12	134
Medications Delivered	12	129

Environmental Health Services:

Food and Lodging:

• F&L Inspections	12	85
• F&L Visits	1	48
• F&L Pre-Opening Visits	3	13
• F&L Permits Issued	6	10
• F&L Permits Suspended	0	1
• F&L Suspensions Lifted	0	1
• F&L Complaint Investigations	0	1
• F&L Consults	24	150
• General Sanitation	0	5
• Vector Control	3	3
• Animal Control	2	19
• Health Education	1	10

On-Site Wastewater:

• Sites Visited/Evaluated	14	96
• Improvement Permits Issued	1	21
• Construction Authorizations	2	37
• Other Authorizations	1	4
• Consultative Contacts	75	422
• Operation Permits Issued	3	19

On-Site Well:

• Well Site Evaluated		4
• Grouting Inspections		5
• Well Site Construction Visits		3
• Well Construction Permits Issued	1	8
• Well Certificate of Completion	3	6
• Bacteriological Samples Collected	9	22
• Other Sample Collected	8	11
• Well Consultative Contacts	5	41

Public Health Education:

- Community Health Assessment (CHA) for 2014 (submitted March of 2015):
 - Health educator will work with Vidant Beaufort Hospital and the CHA Stakeholder Group to create the 2014 CHA Action Plans (due September of 2015)
- Hyde County Change for Good Grant:
 - HCS afterschool staff began implementing Youth Fit 4 Life program in late February on the mainland campus
 - HCS ESL Coordinators will be trained in KidShape2.0 and begin implementing program with Spanish-speaking families next school year
 - Establishing meeting times with primary care providers who serve children in Hyde in order to obtain referrals to afterschool programming
 - Planning for Worksite Wellness initiatives for county businesses/agencies is underway
 - "Healthy Hyde" grant proposal submitted to Vidant Community Grants Program in order to obtain additional funding for community- and worksite-based wellness initiatives
 - Joint-use agreement for use of county grounds for these initiatives was signed in April 2015
 - Letters of support from Hyde County Schools and the County of Hyde were submitted with this application
- Healthy Communities
 - 2014-2015 Action Plan was revised to include a media campaign to educate on the safe storage and disposal of prescription drugs (in coordination with Project Lazarus workgroup, newly named Hyde County Injury Prevention Coalition)
 - The Hyde County Injury Prevention Coalition's application for funding for prescription drug abuse prevention and response initiatives is still under review
 - 2014-2015 Year-End Report due to DPH in June 2015

- Hyde Partners for Health/Project Direct LEGACY for Men:
 - Group will be retrained in Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP) in May 2015 and Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP) in June 2015
 - Will offer classes to community again once retrained
 - A Family Health Forum is scheduled for June 6, 2015
 - Advisory Committee considering obtaining 501 (c) 3 status; have formed workgroup to undertake process in coming months

Triple P Program

• New Contacts Made:		
○ Agencies/Community Groups	1	94
○ Individuals	0	144
• Agencies Visited/Community Group Meetings Attended	1	43
• Total Applications Received	0	97
• Contacts Trained	0	65
• Contacts Accredited	0	60

Hydeland Home Care Agency:

	Month	Change
Active Patients	64 current total	+8
• Home Health Medicare	21	+6
• Home Health Medicaid	26	NC
• Home Health Private Insurance	4	+2
• Community Alternative Program (CAP)	3	NC
• Homemaker	10	NC
• Project Care (Family Caregiver Support)	0	NC
Admissions	Month	YTD
• Home Health Medicare	4	48
• Home Health Medicaid	0	9
• Home Health Private Insurance	3	18
Discharges	Month	YTD
• Home Health Medicare	7	38
• Home Health Medicaid	2	12
• Home Health Private	2	17
• CAP	0	1
• Homemaker	1	3
• Project Care (Family Caregiver Support)	0	1
Referrals		
• Home Health Medicare		52
• Home Health Medicaid		9
• Home Health Private Insurance		16
• Referred But Not Admitted	2	19

Informational Items



MARY P. HUNNICUTT
CLERK TO BOARD

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COUNTY MANAGER

PERQUIMANS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

A Resolution Requesting that the North Carolina State Legislature Develop a Jobs Incentive Program Geared Toward Tier I Counties

WHEREAS, Perquimans County work to recruit new industry and expand existing industry in order to strengthen the tax base and create jobs; and

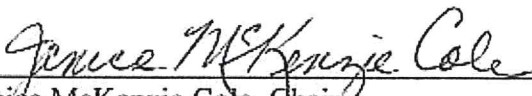
WHEREAS, the task presents unique challenges because most industries today seek a skilled workforce while the chronically unemployed in Perquimans County is populated by a mostly unskilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, Perquimans County have had success with recruiting industries that create fewer than 200 jobs and employ a mix of skilled and unskilled workers but do not meet the employment or salary threshold imposed by the North Carolina Department of Commerce JDIG (Joint Development Investment Grants); and

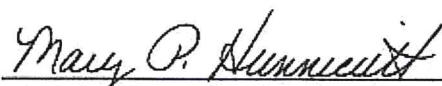
WHEREAS, despite sustained and strong recruitment efforts by Perquimans County, they cannot compete with larger, more prosperous counties in the State that reap generous financial rewards from JDIG.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Perquimans County Board of Commissioners request the North Carolina State Legislature enact a Criteria for Operation and Implementation of Job Development Investment Program tailored specifically for Tier I counties that would promote job creation for unskilled workers, improve the local and regional tax base and usher in prosperity for all North Carolina counties.

ADOPTED the 4th day of May, 2015.


Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:


Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners



RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
CHANGE THE REQUISITE FUNDING FORMULA TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
ALLOTTED CLASSROOM TEACHERS' POSITIONS BY APPLYING THE FORMULA TO
INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS AND GRADES RATHER THAN DISTRICTWIDE AND FUND
THESE POSITIONS BY THE CURRENT BUDGETED AMOUNT

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly sets forth certain funding formulas for the Department of Public Instruction to apply when funding public education; and

WHEREAS, the State determines the number of teachers' positions allotted to each school district based upon the number of students in each grade. The State determines the student to teacher ratio as well. Currently, for kindergarten classes, the student to teacher ratio is 1/18. Thus, there must be one teacher for every 18 kindergarten students. The State takes the total number of kindergarteners in each school district and then applies the ratio to determine the allotted kindergarten teachers. Since the State applies the ratio in this manner, it appears that the individual school's needs for teachers' positions are often not met since the student counts vary from school to school. Take for instance four schools which have 25 kindergarten students in each school in a single school district. When you apply the State required student teacher ratio of 1/18 in this scenario, you will calculate a need for 8 teachers. However, when you use the formula the State uses, you would add all the kindergarten students into a single number equaling 100. Next, you would apply the student teacher ratio and divide 100 total kindergarteners by 18 students, which equal 5.5 teachers when 8 teachers are actually needed. This is an example of how the State's funding formula creates a shortfall in teachers' positions. In the past, and presently, the counties and local taxpayers have been funding the shortfall of teachers' positions, which cost in the millions of dollars in local tax money; and

WHEREAS, currently the formula for funding classroom teachers is based upon the number of teachers' positions times the average salary plus benefits for each school system. However, the school districts are not given the budgeted amount; they are given a monthly reimbursement for actual expenses and not enough to cover all positions required based upon the State determined student teacher ratio. The amount reimbursed is lower than the budgeted amounts for the teachers' positions; and

WHEREAS, the State could cover this shortfall of teachers' positions by applying the funding formula based upon individual schools and grades instead of only applying one total number for teachers' positions for the entire school district; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the money to cover this shortfall for teachers' positions is already budgeted for in the State's budget given the unencumbered money remaining after the actual reimbursed amounts are deducted from the budgeted amounts for teachers' positions; and

WHEREAS, if the State budgets for teachers' positions, then the State should pay all of the budgeted money necessary to fund these needed positions and not rely on the local taxpayer to cover the shortfall.

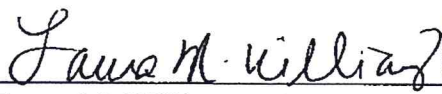
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners request the North Carolina General Assembly to make the necessary revisions to its funding formula to fund the needed teachers' positions in the local schools by applying the formula by individual schools and grades rather than one number for the entire school district and use the remaining unencumbered budgeted amount to pay for these needed positions, thereby relieving the local tax payer of this unnecessary burden of funding teachers' positions which are already budgeted for by the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to Board of Moore County Commissioners sends this Resolution to Governor Pat McCrory, Senate Leader Phil Berger, House Speaker Tim Moore and the Moore County Delegation.

Adopted this 5th day of May, 2015.



Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
Laura M. Williams, Clerk to the Board





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Susan Parker, Administrator

May 6, 2015

Hyde County Governing Body
c/o County Clerk
PO Box 188 - 30 Oyster Creek Rd.
Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Dear Hyde County Governing Body:

The Town of Sunset Beach, like hundreds of other coastal communities across the United States, is facing unprecedented pressures from numerous federal and state projects that potentially put our local economy and natural resources at great risk. Although we allocate budgetary resources to preserve and protect the water and beach front we rely on for prosperity, we cannot control either federal or state actions that affect these resources.

Unfortunately, there is no unified federal program that evaluates all of the invasive activities being proposed for any specific geographical area, nor studies on the impact of invasive activities on the stability and security of coastal irreplaceable resources. We believe a task force needs to be created as soon as possible to help address the competing projects and potential harm that coastal communities currently face.

The primary objective of this task force would be the preservation, stability and safety of the ocean – a National Treasure for us all.

To this end, we have passed the attached resolution in support of such a task group, and ask for your support in seeing this to fruition.

Sincerely,

Town of Sunset Beach, N.C.

Ron Watts

Ron Watts
Mayor

Mayor: Ron Watts • Mayor Pro-Tem: Louis DeVita
Town Council: Terry Johnson • Carol Scott • Mike Williams • Wilson Sherrill

Part of North Carolina's Brunswick Islands



RESOLUTION
FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL TASK FORCE TO
GLOBALLY ADDRESS COASTAL ISSUES

WHEREAS, the Town of Sunset Beach is a coastal community in North Carolina blessed with the natural beauty of clean beaches, salt and fresh water marshes, and sounds and tributaries, and with its largest industry being related to tourism. These beaches, marshes, sounds and tributaries are unique and irreplaceable habitats and breeding grounds for many endangered species of wildlife. Further, they provide a significant percentage of the edible seafood in our country, which is managed at the federal and state levels as to the size and quantity of catches permitted; and,

WHEREAS, like Sunset Beach, the great majority of coastal communities in the United States were established because of, and economically remain dependent on, the bounty and beauty of their natural resources. The ocean, marshes, sounds and tributaries continue to be a major attraction and integral part of other industries, including tourism, birding, sport fishing, water sport recreation, and others, and the driving force of the economies of these coastal communities. However, our coastal towns are constantly at the mercy of the forces of nature, including severe weather (hurricanes, water spouts, El Niño, etc.), global warming, ocean acidification, algae bloom, fish kills, and erosion, to name a few. Any of the aforementioned events could have a catastrophic impact on local property values, tourism and other industries which depend on the natural resources of the area; and,

WHEREAS, local governments allocate budgetary resources to preserve and protect the water and beach front they rely on for prosperity, but there is no unified state or national commitment to protect these resources. This results in an inherent risk from activities that our neighbors permit or prohibit because the tidal action is not contained by a state's borders. For example, if a state allows discharge of storm water or other pollutants into the ocean, all neighboring states are adversely impacted by that activity; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal government is looking to lease a small concentrated geographic area off the east coast for oil exploration (using seismic testing) and possible future drilling along with the development of wind farms. This is our same government that protects and preserves huge land areas as National Parks and land- based wildlife refuges in sparsely populated areas of our great nation. We believe that the oceans should likewise be regarded as a natural treasure to be preserved and protected. If drilling for oil is offensive and dangerous to the environment and wildlife in Alaska and the western states, why is this and other invasive projects safe off our coastlines where containment in the event of a disaster is near impossible? If transporting oil via a pipeline across a known geographic footprint to refineries is offensive and dangerous to the environment and wildlife in the Midwest, why is it acceptable to permit this in a highly populated yet unpredictable coastal area of our country? This would seem to raise the risk of a high cost disaster and recovery for both our coastal communities and the country far above the potential returns from such projects; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that our federal government should adopt a more conservative and protective attitude when considering coastal resources. While we cannot control the actions of the rest of the world, we do ask that our own governments undertake a thorough and unbiased evaluation of all the invasive activities being proposed for any specific geographical area whenever natural resources, wildlife and local communities are at potential risk. The current studies and arguments for allowing exploration with unproven technologies and unknown impacts by special interest groups are unacceptable. Further we believe that the federal government should take the lead in working with the coastal states to create a uniform set of standards so that we are all addressing the preservation, safety, stability and security of this irreplaceable resource the same way.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town of Sunset Beach strongly encourages the establishment of a federal task force to create standards and help address the competing projects and potential harm that we currently face. The primary objective would be the protection of the ocean, including the preservation, stability and safety of this natural resource and the goal of assigning it National Treasure status. We urge that this be done as soon as possible - the potential risks to our coast are enormous, immediate, and irreversible.

Adopted this the 21st day of April, 2015

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Ron Watts

Ron Watts
Mayor

Attest:

Lisa H. Anglin

Lisa H. Anglin
Town Clerk



North Carolina Department of Commerce

Pat McCrory, Governor
John E. Skvarla III, Secretary

Dr. Patricia Mitchell, CEcD
Assistant Secretary
Rural Economic Development Division

April 30, 2015

Mr. Barry S. Swindell
Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Hyde County
PO Box 188
Swan Quarter, NC 27885-0188

Re: FY14/15 Building Reuse Program Award Notification
Contract Ref #: 2015-039-3201-2538

Dear Mr. Swindell:

On behalf of the Rural Infrastructure Authority, I am pleased to announce that Hyde County has been selected for funding under the Building Reuse program. Funds have been awarded to Hyde County on 4/23/2015, in the amount of \$25,000.00, for the project entitled "1718: Ocracoke Brewing Company" to create five (5) full-time jobs.

Congratulations on this award and we extend our best wishes to you for success in bringing new job creation to rural North Carolina. We look forward to working with you on this important project. Contract documents will be prepared and issued within 90 days of the grant award. If you have any questions, please contact your program manager Hazel Edmond at (919) 715-0061 or hazel.edmond@nccommerce.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Mitchell".

Dr. Patricia Mitchell, CEcD
Rural Economic Development Division

cc: Melody Adams, Director, Rural Development Division

Thrive NC

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The Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners
Requests your attendance at an
Open House in recognition of the completion of the relocated

Tyrrell Emergency Medical Services Station

Friday
June 5, 2015
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

1107 Highway 64 East
Columbia, NC 27925

COUNTY OF HYDE

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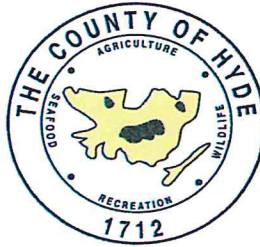
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Bill Rich
County Manager

Fred Holscher
County Attorney



Dr. Louis Daniel
N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries
3441 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Re: Draft supplement to the N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan

Dear Dr. Daniel,

The people of Hyde County have depended upon its vast fishery resources for over 300 years. Mainland Hyde wraps itself around the Pamlico Sound with its many tributaries reaching far into the mainland and the county extends across the broad Pamlico to Ocracoke Island only to be met by the Atlantic Ocean. Our mainland villages have traditionally and currently been supported by the commercial fishermen and seafood businesses that line our harbors while Ocracoke is supported by a strong commercial presence and a healthy tourism industry supported by recreational fishermen.

When managing such a critical fishery, decisions should be scientifically based and should take into account the views of all stakeholders. In Hyde County, our stakeholders include: commercial fishermen, for-hire charter fishermen and recreational fishermen along with the many business owners and residents that earn their livelihood in related businesses. The input of these stakeholders when changes are made to NC Fishery Management Plans should be considered comprehensively with scientific data that leads us to smart decisions.

Adopting a supplement to the N.C. Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan without going through the full fishery management plan process will allow the commission to adopt temporary management measures that are not scientifically based, lack proper public input and will have adverse economic impacts to Hyde County and the state of N.C. that have not been thoroughly examined.

Hyde County encourages the N.C. DMF to take a more holistic view of the situation and reevaluate its decision to pursue this supplement until proper procedure including a thorough regional stock assessment can be completed. Reduction of catch of southern flounder by between 25 percent and 60 percent will have a significant adverse impact on our fishermen, supporting

businesses and the county itself and such a decision should not be entered into lightly but with the upmost care and due diligence that takes into account all stakeholders of the fishery.

It is with great appreciation that we thank the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Commission for considering our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Rich". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Rich,
Hyde County Manager

Cc: N.C. Marine Fisheries Commission Members
Hyde County Board of Commissioners

May 14, 2015

Hello All,

The Eastern North Carolina 4-H Environmental Education Center (4-H Center) is requesting your help to secure Legislative action that will restore \$400,000.00 to the center budget. The amount was lost in last year's legislative session in what legislators and State budget officials describe as an unintended consequence.

Although the 4-H Center pays much of its way, the loss of \$400,000.00 jeopardizes continued operation of the facility that serves 4-H and youth during summer months and business, non-profit and corporate groups during the remainder of the year. The 4-H center is economically important to the neighboring counties as well as Columbia and Tyrrell County.

We hope you or your organization will write a letter or adopt a resolution in support of this funding.

Your action and support is appreciated.



**Rhett B. White, Chairman
4-H Center Advisory Council and
Manager, Town of Columbia**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EASTERN 4-H ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center (4-H Center) is located in Tyrrell County and opened in 2001; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Center serves 4-H and youth from all counties in North Carolina as well as from other states and countries; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Center provides educational, conference and retreat facilities for public and private organizations, industries and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Center is operated by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, North Carolina State University; and

WHEREAS, the 4-H Center provides vital professional employment and economic development to Tyrrell County and the surrounding counties of northeaster North Carolina; and

WHEREAS; operational funding has been drastically reduced, jeopardizing the effective and continued operation of this valuable state resource,

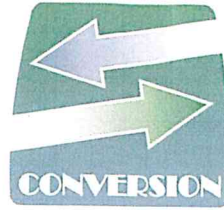
NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED that the _____ requests that the North Carolina State Legislature restore \$400,000.00 to the 4-H Center budget, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the local State legislative delegation, the President Pro-tem of the N.C. State Senate, the Speaker of the NC House of Representatives, the Dean of the N.C. State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Director of the Eastern 4-H Environmental Education Center.

This the ____ day of _____, 2015.

Official and title

ATTEST:

Clerk



P.O. Box 3629 • Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

April 16, 2015

Mr. Barry Swindell, Chairman
Hyde County Board of Commissioners
30 Oyster Creek Road
P.O. Box 188
Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Re: Conversion

Dear Chairman Swindell and fellow Commissioners:

I would like to address the Hyde County Board of Commissioners on June 1, 2015 in regards to a process of conversion of existing septic waste water systems to treated wastewater holding tank and decentralized disposal system. This type of system has never been designed by anyone or approved by the State of North Carolina or anywhere else in the United States it appears. I believe it to be the future solution to sewage treatment and disposal in many rural areas and barrier islands where municipal wastewater treatment plants are not available. You will find a more thorough description on the following pages.

The presenters will be:

Eddie Goodrich, WWP
Michael Robinson, P.E.

Attending for comment or questions will be:

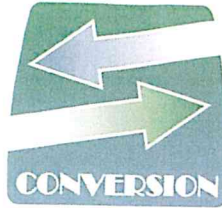
David May, Regional Supervisor NCDENR, DWR
Ishwar Devkota, North Carolina, DHHS

Due to Mr. May and Mr. Devkota having to travel from Washington and Raleigh I would like to request approximately 15 minutes for the presentation and that it be time specific if possible.

Thank you and I am looking very forward to addressing the ^{Hyde}~~Dare~~ County Board of Commissioners.

My best regards,

Eddie Goodrich



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Conversion relates to a system and method for wastewater treatment and the preferred method of decentralized disposal of the treated wastewater. It further provides a system and method for converting existing septic waste wastewater systems to a wastewater treatment plant system by converting a septic tank to a treated wastewater holding tank wherein the holding tank is located at or adjacent to the wastewater source and connecting a distribution line from the holding tank to a treated wastewater use recipient for any non-potable use such as landscape irrigation, washing cars and boats, etc., thereby reducing the use and the cost of potable water, or by simply disposing of the treated wastewater in the existing drain field.

The treatment of wastewater and sewage often involves the use of septic systems, particularly in rural areas and barrier islands where municipal wastewater treatment plants are not available. However, septic systems have several negative features, including the need for regular maintenance pumping and treatment, the risk of septic backup into residences, the potential for environmental contamination of surrounding and adjacent bodies of water, and concern about rising water table levels near the coast due to rising sea levels.

Wastewater treatment plants avoid the risks associated with septic systems but have negative features of their own, particularly the need for large land areas for centralized disposal of treated wastewater.

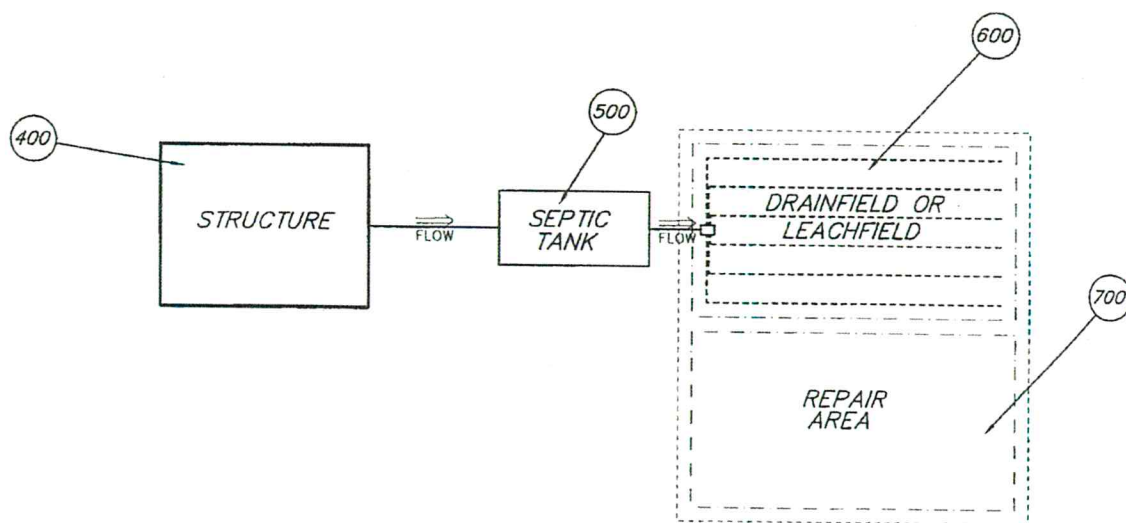
The method being presented today overcomes these shortcomings by providing a wastewater treatment system with decentralized disposal of treated wastewater as well as methods of converting existing septic systems to a treated wastewater disposal system.

The system advantageously avoids the need for a large and very expensive centralized area for disposal of treated wastewater, preserves open green space, reduces potable water consumption (thereby reducing costs), takes advantage of existing disposal system infrastructure, avoids the negative aspects of septic systems (including health risks associated with standing surface water, the concern of septic backup in structures the expense of maintenance pumping and regular treatment of septic tanks), and reduces the concern about the rise of the water table due to rising sea level.

This system includes both surface disposal and sub-surface disposal and thereby avoids typical municipal restrictions on surface disposal.

In some instances the holding tank may be further fitted with lines to receive, hold, and distribute water in addition to treated wastewater. Examples include, without limitation, storm water, e.g., collected from gutters or rain barrels on the structure, swimming pools, fountains, and other water features.

With proper implementation the system can be used to control development density as well.



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FIGURE 1

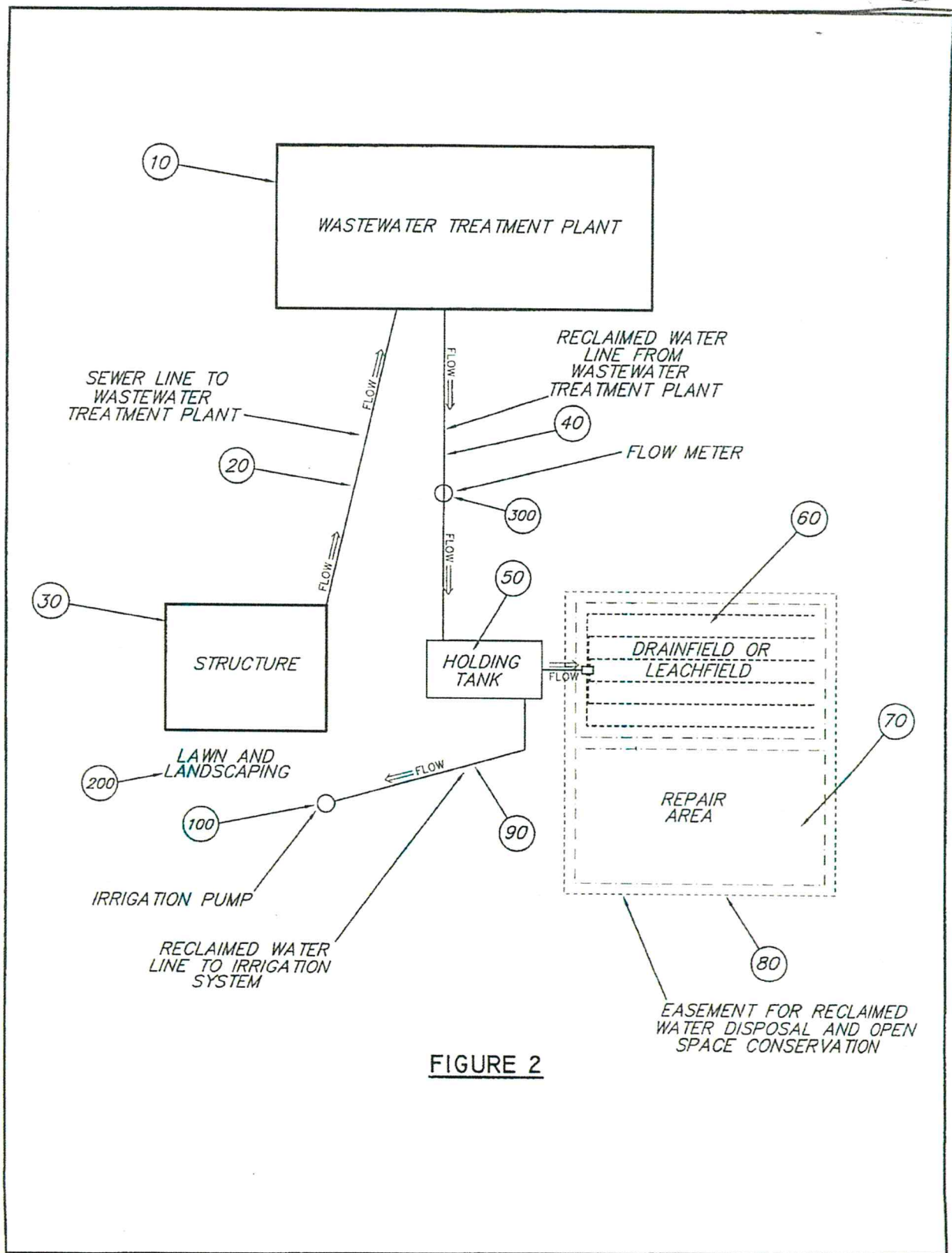


FIGURE 2